



Rural Development



Water & Environmental Programs Community Facilities Program

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USDA Rural Development Programs



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USDA Investments - \$1.2 Billion FY18



Water and Environmental Programs

Funding Opportunities Overview

- Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Colonia Grants
- Native American Grants
- SEARCH Grants



Water and Environmental Programs

Funding Opportunities

- Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program
 - Comprehensive funding: construction, engineering fees, land, legal fees, and environmental costs
 - Loans can be combined with grants to keep user costs reasonable
 - Eligible applicants: public bodies (including special districts), nonprofit corporations and federally-recognized tribes.
 - Population of 10,000 or less

Water and Environmental Programs

Continued – Rates & Terms

- Interest Rates
 - Established on a quarterly basis
 - Based on nonmetropolitan median household income
 - Poverty Rate: Below \$53,307 and the project corrects health or sanitary violations for water programs
 - Intermediate Rate: \$50,308 - \$62,883
 - Market Rate: Above \$62,883
- Terms
 - 40 years

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Funding Opportunities

- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG)
 - Assists rural communities that have experienced a significant decline in the quantity or quality of water directly caused by an emergency incident
 - Emergency incidents can include drought, earthquake, flood, landslide
 - Grants may cover 100% of project costs up to \$1 million
 - Funds can be used to develop new water sources and for water treatment

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Funding Opportunities

- 306C Colonia Grants
 - Must be located in Imperial, San Diego, or southern Riverside Counties
 - \$3 million is available for California

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Funding Opportunities

- Native American 306C Grant
 - Per capita income must be \leq \$18,590 with unemployment rate over 5.125%
 - Unemployment rate must be no less than 6.25%
 - \$2 million maximum per project in FY18
 - Approx. \$20 million nationally available FY18

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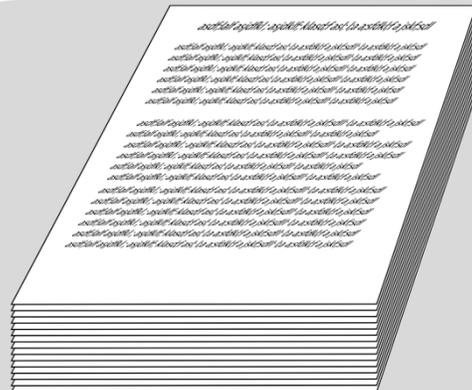
Funding Opportunities

- SEARCH Grants
 - Eligible Areas - Rural areas with a population of 2,500 or less
 - Have a median household income below \$50,306
 - \$30,000 max grant to pay for predevelopment planning costs to support applications for WEP funding

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Application Process

- Build community support
- Initial Meeting with USDA
- PER/Environmental
- Complete Application
- Letter of Conditions
- Obligate Funding
- Disbursement after loan/grant closing or start of construction



RD Apply

Online Application Intake System for WEP

- Convenience
- Identity Security – all users obtain e-authentication
- Faster Application Process – other persons authorized
- Reduced Paper Consumption
- Applicant's official with signature authority

<https://rdapply.usda.gov>



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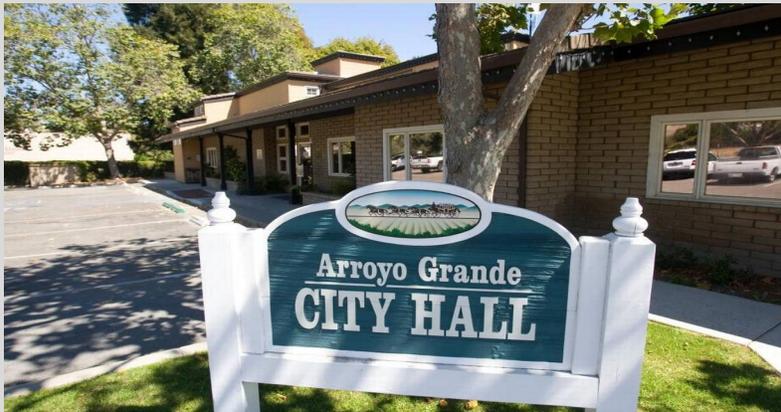
Overview

- Eligible applicants include public bodies (including special districts), nonprofit corporations and federally-recognized tribes.
- Low rates, up to 40-year terms
- Population 20,000 or less
- Applications accepted all year
- Grant projects average \$40,000 to qualified applicants.
- Projects: Health Care, Police/Fire, Public Buildings, Transportation/Infrastructure

CF Example: Arroyo Grande, City Hall

Total Project = \$2,450,000

USDA CF Loan = \$1,200,000



WEP Example: San Simeon CSD, RO membrane filtration

Total Project = \$989,600

USDA ECWAG = \$500,000



Example: Rio Alto, WWTP & Constructed Wetlands

Total Project Costs = \$7,329,329

Partners: CWSRF, NSVIRMP

USDA WEP loan/grant = \$5,441,000



CF & WEP Example: City of Woodlake

Combined USDA Investments of Nearly \$30 million!



CF Loans = \$6,177,100
CF Grants = \$154,100



WEP Loans = \$17,479,000
WEP Grants = \$5,821,000



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